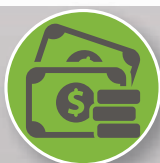


First Nations Targeted Infrastructure Investment Quarterly Report (cumulative since April 2016) Regional Operations – December 31, 2020

Executive Summary



Local firefighters visit early childhood learning center / Tsuut'ina First Nation, Alberta



\$5.25B
INVESTED



2,060
ONGOING PROJECTS

3,613
COMPLETED

5,673
TOTAL PROJECTS

WATER AND WASTEWATER



\$1.82B

TARGETED FUNDING INVESTED

301
ONGOING PROJECTS

393
COMPLETED

694
TOTAL PROJECTS

581
COMMUNITIES
SERVING APPROX.
463,000
PEOPLE
WILL BENEFIT FROM THESE INVESTMENTS

HOUSING



\$939.4M

TARGETED FUNDING INVESTED

1,167
ONGOING PROJECTS

1,548
COMPLETED

2,715
TOTAL PROJECTS

608
COMMUNITIES
SERVING APPROX.
467,000
PEOPLE
WILL BENEFIT FROM THESE INVESTMENTS

SCHOOL FACILITIES



\$1.13B

TARGETED FUNDING INVESTED

67
ONGOING PROJECTS

129
COMPLETED

196
TOTAL PROJECTS

240
COMMUNITIES
SERVING APPROX.
273,000
PEOPLE
WILL BENEFIT FROM THESE INVESTMENTS

HEALTH



\$329.8M

TARGETED FUNDING INVESTED

10
ONGOING PROJECTS

200
COMPLETED

210
TOTAL PROJECTS

169
COMMUNITIES
SERVING APPROX.
184,000
PEOPLE
WILL BENEFIT FROM THESE INVESTMENTS

OTHER COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE



\$992.3M

TARGETED FUNDING INVESTED

424
ONGOING PROJECTS

1,321
COMPLETED

1,745
TOTAL PROJECTS

581
COMMUNITIES
SERVING APPROX.
450,000
PEOPLE
WILL BENEFIT FROM THESE INVESTMENTS

TRANSFORMATION



\$44.2M

TARGETED FUNDING INVESTED

91
ONGOING PROJECTS

22
COMPLETED

113
TOTAL PROJECTS

452
COMMUNITIES
SERVING APPROX.
326,000
PEOPLE
WILL BENEFIT FROM THESE INVESTMENTS



Investing in infrastructure investing in people and communities

Community infrastructure is one of several priorities that have been identified as essential to the Government of Canada's commitment to First Nations to move forward in the spirit of reconciliation and to support communities in creating lasting, positive change.

611
FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES
across Canada serving approximately
467,000
PEOPLE

will benefit from currently completed or ongoing projects, including capacity development, through the support of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) targeted infrastructure funds.

COVID-19 RELATED
INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

In addition to money announced in August 2020 to support retrofits to schools in response to COVID-19 safety protocols, \$32.8 million was provided in October 2020 to support other community buildings, including daycares, fire halls and band offices, as part of a larger \$59.5 million investment for projects to adapt community buildings on reserves for COVID-19 public health and safety measures. Some examples of supported health measures include adding hand washing stations, buying hand sanitizers, cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment for staff, installing signage and barriers to promote physical distancing, performing safety checks and upgrading existing ventilation systems.

ONGOING IMPACTS

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the progress of major projects in some First Nations communities. ISC continues to support and work with Chiefs and Councils as they review project schedules and work to reduce the financial impact on these important infrastructure projects and mitigate the effects of the pandemic on their communities.

QUARTERLY
PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS
OCTOBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

7

NEW WATER TREATMENT PLANTS COMPLETED in Saskatchewan and Alberta

155

NEW HOUSING UNITS COMPLETED in all 8 regions

401

HOUSING UNITS RENOVATED OR UPGRADED in Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia

6

NEW SCHOOLS COMPLETED in Saskatchewan and Alberta

2

HEALTH FACILITIES COMPLETED in Ontario and Saskatchewan

12

WASTE MANAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS COMPLETED in Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia

On-reserve infrastructure investments since April 2016

as of December 31, 2020

Since April 2016, the Government of Canada has committed to making unprecedented investments in support of Indigenous community infrastructure.

\$5.25B

Sector	Invested	Confirmed Budget Commitments
Water and Wastewater	\$1.82B	\$2.19B (until 2020-2021)
Housing	\$939.4M	\$1.04B (until 2022-2023)
School Facilities	\$1.13B	\$1.47B (until 2021-2022)
Health	\$329.8M	\$472.9M (until 2022-2023)
Other Community Infrastructure	\$992.3M	\$1.37B (until 2026-2027)
Transformation	\$44.2M	\$80.0M (until 2022-2023)

of **\$6.62B** of confirmed funds has been invested to date to support

5,673 infrastructure projects in water and wastewater, housing, school facilities, health, other community infrastructure and transformation,

3,613 of which are completed

WATER AND WASTEWATER



Improving access to clean, safe drinking water in First Nations communities is a key priority of the Government of Canada. The government has made \$2.19 billion in commitments to First Nations to build and repair water and wastewater infrastructure and support effective management and maintenance of water systems on reserves. Of this, \$1.82 billion has been invested in 694 projects.

As part of Budget 2016, the Government of Canada committed to ending all long-term drinking water advisories affecting public systems on reserves.

For more information on long-term drinking water advisories, please visit: canada.ca/water-on-reserve

WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

NEW WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS/LAGOONS	RENOVATIONS AND UPGRADES TO EXISTING WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS	FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND DESIGN
39 ONGOING	168 ONGOING	27 ONGOING
60 COMPLETED	268 COMPLETED	43 COMPLETED

Note that project numbers for supporting water and wastewater projects and initiatives are reflected under *Capacity Building and Readiness* on page 10.

HOUSING



The Government of Canada is working to ensure all First Nations people living on reserves have access to adequate, safe and affordable housing. In collaboration with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, a total of 21,429 homes are being built, renovated or retrofitted. This includes 3,067 new homes being built, and 6,500 existing homes being renovated with the support of \$939.4 million of ISC investments since Budget 2016. A total of \$1.04 billion is committed through ISC until 2020-2021 to improve housing in First Nations communities.

HOMES

NEW HOMES	RENOVATIONS/ UPGRADES	LOTS SERVICED AND ACQUIRED
1,047 ONGOING	2,431 ONGOING	568 ONGOING
2,020 COMPLETED	4,069 COMPLETED	641 COMPLETED

Note that project numbers for housing capacity development and innovation projects are reflected under *Capacity Building and Readiness* on page 10.

SCHOOL FACILITIES



School facilities on reserves provide spaces to support learning while also often providing the community with a common gathering place. Since Budget 2016, ISC has invested \$1.13 billion in school-related projects. As a part of its overall commitment of \$1.47 billion, the government is supporting First Nations in building quality learning environments that are safe, healthy and modern, thereby promoting better educational outcomes for students living on reserves.

SCHOOLS

NEW SCHOOLS	RENOVATIONS/ UPGRADES	FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND DESIGN
41 ONGOING	14 ONGOING	7 ONGOING
25 COMPLETED	70 COMPLETED	30 COMPLETED

Note that project numbers for supporting school facility infrastructure and services are reflected under *Capacity Building and Readiness* on page 10.

HEALTH



Supporting healthcare facilities that better align with community-identified health service delivery needs is a priority of the Government of Canada. Since Budget 2016, of the overall \$472.9 million that was committed, \$329.8 million has been invested in health-related infrastructure to help First Nations access healthcare on reserves, including First Nations health centers, nursing stations, addictions and treatment centers, as well as Head Start on Reserves (AHSOR) projects.

HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE

HEALTH FACILITIES	AHSOR	FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND DESIGN (AHSOR)
8 ONGOING	2 ONGOING	0 ONGOING
41 COMPLETED	154 COMPLETED	5 COMPLETED

First Nations Targeted Infrastructure Investments at Work Across Canada

Indigenous Homes Innovation Initiative

In November 2020, the Indigenous Homes Innovation Initiative reached a milestone when two projects participating in the Accelerator phase were approved by the Indigenous Steering Committee to begin construction.

Pikangikum

is building an eight-unit residential unit 'Community Safe Village' to provide safe, transitional, emergency housing with professional and culturally sensitive support for community members escaping violence. The project also includes a separate hotel wing with six hotel rooms to help finance the facility's operation and maintenance.

New Modular Elementary School

Kashechewan First Nation's elementary students now have a school to call their own. For many years, students attended school in temporary portable classrooms. When the portables eventually became unusable, students in the community had to share the local high school for a year, with younger students attending in the mornings and older students attending in the evenings. The new St. Andrew's school was built with a modular design so it can be taken apart and moved during the community's planned relocation from the flood plain on which it currently stands.



New Water System

In the past, Potlotek First Nation's water system suffered from seasonal spikes in iron and manganese concentrations, which caused the water to have a metallic taste and stain clothing, and resulted in water quality that did not meet the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality. A new water treatment plant in the community now reliably produces safe, clean water that consistently exceeds the drinking water guidelines.

Muskowekwan

is building a Family Healing and Wellness Centre that will promote a culturally responsive approach to healing intergenerational trauma.

KASHECHEWAN, ON

PIKANGIKUM, ON

MUSKOWEKWAN, SK

POTLOTEK, NS

WOODSTOCK, NB

Storm Water Management

For years, recurring seasonal flooding events have damaged homes, yards, and roads, and has negatively impacted the wastewater collection system and other community infrastructure in Woodstock. The completion of a new storm water management system will help mitigate future flooding occurrences and eliminate or reduce future costs to the community for flood rehabilitation.



Visit www.canada.ca/infrastructure-on-reserve to see all projects supported by the Government of Canada's First Nations targeted infrastructure investments.

OTHER COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE



Infrastructure investments play a key role in growing a strong and sustainable economy, making communities more inclusive and creating opportunities for residents. In partnership with First Nations, the Government of Canada is working to provide access to other community infrastructure on reserves. To date, \$992.3 million of targeted funds has been invested to support 1,745 other community infrastructure projects.

Note that project numbers for Other Community Infrastructure supporting projects and initiatives, including fundamental infrastructure, culture and recreation and solid waste management, are reflected under *Capacity Building and Readiness* on page 10.



FUNDAMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Since Budget 2016, more than \$523.8 million of targeted funds has been invested to support fundamental infrastructure projects. These investments support significant improvements to the environment and quality of life in First Nations communities.



FUNDAMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND DESIGN

PROJECTS

9

ONGOING

13

COMPLETED



ENERGY

ISC is working with First Nations to explore energy systems that are reliable, clean, and affordable.

Ongoing and completed projects include alternative energy projects featuring solar, hydroelectric, wind, and others that will enable communities to transition away from diesel dependency. Also included are projects that will improve energy efficiency within First Nations communities.

PROJECTS

23

ONGOING

58

COMPLETED



CONNECTIVITY

The Government of Canada is committed to helping First Nations communities bridge the digital divide by working with its partners to ensure communities receive access to high-speed Internet that meets or exceeds the universal service objective.

NOTE: The Matawa First Nations Management project, co-funded by Innovation Science and Economic Development Canada's Connect to Innovate program, is reflected under Fundamental Infrastructure Feasibility Studies and Design.

PROJECTS

8

ONGOING

18

COMPLETED



FIRE PROTECTION

Fire protection is an essential service that can mean the difference between life and death. The Government of Canada is committed to working with First Nations and provincial, territorial and municipal partners to address fire protection on reserves.

PROJECTS

16

ONGOING

83

COMPLETED



ROADS AND BRIDGES

Critical links to basic and emergency services and road networks also support long-term sustainable community development by providing access to local businesses, as well as training and employment opportunities. ISC is collaborating with First Nations and other stakeholders to build, repair, upgrade and maintain roads and bridges to ensure lasting and positive outcomes that reach beyond the roads themselves and allow communities to fully realize the benefits of other infrastructure projects.

PROJECTS

23

ONGOING

85

COMPLETED



STRUCTURAL MITIGATION

ISC is working with First Nations to increase the resilience of communities at high risk of impacts associated with climate related hazards.

Structural mitigation projects include dikes, sea walls, natural infrastructure, fire breaks, and erosion-control measures, among others.

PROJECTS

28

ONGOING

31

COMPLETED



CULTURE AND RECREATION

In First Nations communities, culture and recreation infrastructure can provide an important focal point for community activities. Since Budget 2016, targeted funds have supported culture and recreation facilities including cultural centres, pow-wow grounds, youth and senior centres, playgrounds, sports fields and arenas.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

15

ONGOING

210

COMPLETED

FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND DESIGN

2

ONGOING

11

COMPLETED



SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Many First Nations communities face challenges managing solid waste on reserves. Investments in solid waste management systems are critical to protecting both the environment and human health and safety, while also improving the readiness of First Nations communities to access economic opportunities.

NEW CONSTRUCTIONS, RENOVATIONS AND UPGRADES

136

ONGOING

245

COMPLETED

FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND DESIGN

12

ONGOING

133

COMPLETED



LUBICON LAKE BAND COMMUNITY BUILDOUT

In the spirit of partnership and reconciliation, a historic agreement was reached in 2018 to settle the longstanding Lubicon Lake Band land claim. There are currently 8 early works projects underway that will set the stage for the delivery of 15 essential infrastructure assets included in the agreement, to be delivered over a period of 8-10 years.

PROJECTS

8

ONGOING

6

COMPLETED

Transformation

ISC is working with First Nations on a community-by-community basis to develop and implement programs and initiatives that will increase capacity building and readiness to support self-determination, with an understanding of the need for a holistic, community-based approach.



\$80 million has been committed since Budget 2017 to support First Nations in their efforts toward self-care and control of infrastructure delivery.

\$15 million

Asset Management Planning Initiative for First Nations

The Asset Management Program supports First Nations with awareness and resources to develop long-term infrastructure plans.

Asset Management Video

Developed by communities participating in Asset Management Planning Initiative workshops in British Columbia, *the Asset Management Video* for BC First Nations depicts a variety of BC First Nation cultures and traditions, and includes key messages about the benefits of asset management. It serves as a supplementary educational tool for the *Asset Management Guide for British Columbia First Nations* and for the planning workshops.

\$15 million

Engagement and Proof of Concept Projects

ISC is engaging with communities and First Nations organizations to explore the design of service delivery models that will allow for the full transfer of housing and infrastructure services to First Nations.

Capacity Building and Readiness

Since April 2016, ISC has invested more than \$347.6 million of targeted funds to support training and self-management opportunities in First Nations communities. Examples include the Circuit Rider Training Program for water operators, housing management and governance capacity development, comprehensive community planning workshops, and community-led land use planning.



Partnerships and Collaboration

ISC is committed to working closely with various federal departments, including Infrastructure Canada, Natural Resources Canada, Health Canada, and Innovation Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED), along with provincial and territorial governments, Indigenous and corporate leaders and others to ensure that infrastructure projects are delivered in a true partnership across jurisdictions.

Municipal Partnerships

Municipal-type agreements (MTA) and municipal-type service agreements (MTSA) are a means for one level of government to purchase municipal services from another, or for the joint funding and operation of services. They can be a tool for First Nations and municipalities to cooperate on a wide range of local services, as both are responsible for providing similar services to their residents. Such agreements can allow for economies of scale that can leverage public investments to serve more people. MTAs and MTSAs are often used for waste management, water and wastewater, and firefighting services, but can also be used to build road infrastructure or provide multiple services in the case of urban reserves.

Municipal-Type Service Agreement for Water and Wastewater

The majority of Wauzhushk Onigum Nation now has safe drinking water after connecting to water and wastewater services in the neighboring city of Kenora, ON. ISC provided funding to lay pipes that run both underground and underwater through a bay in Lake of the Woods to connect the community to the city's networks. This work, along with the signing of a MTSA between Wauzhushk Onigum Nation and Kenora in summer 2020, contributed to the resolution of a long-term drinking water advisory that had been in place for over 3 years.



Partnering to Manage Waste

The Innu Nation of Matimekush-Lac John, the Naskapi Nation of Kawawachikamah and Shefferville, QC, share common goals and common obstacles related to solid waste management due to the remoteness of their communities and the lasting waste legacy of the area's mining past. The three northern communities have partnered to improve waste management by building an ecocentre that collects hazardous products, electronics, paint and tires, which are then sent by train to larger facilities for treatment. Shared projects also include composting infrastructure, a landfill and upgrades to a scrap metal deposit site. Previously, all waste from the communities was burned and buried in a landfill. By working in partnership, these three communities can now benefit from major waste management projects that would have been out of reach for the communities individually.

Awareness campaigns to inform residents of the new waste management facilities were created in four languages, including Innu, Naskapi, French and English.

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- Ka ui uepikanit tshekuana ka apashatakanit anite mianutshenanut (ashinissa, nessima, meshkanau-pitshu, gypse, mak kutaka.)
- Ka tshipshikatshemakaki tshekuana, kauapekaitshepanit-kapashitshepanit, katakat, katshishapissitesht mak kutaka.
- Kautshishuat eka tshekamut assikumaniit
- Ka kushtikuaki tshekuana mitshuapit ka takuaki
- Kaiminani ut takunakaniti, atussee-katshitapatakaniti, katshitapatakaniti, kamashinaitshepaniti mak kutaka.
- Pimi-uatakanashkua
- Peshalkan
- Utapan-pineuat mak pineuat
- Uikuaga shuniauput ut ka washteti

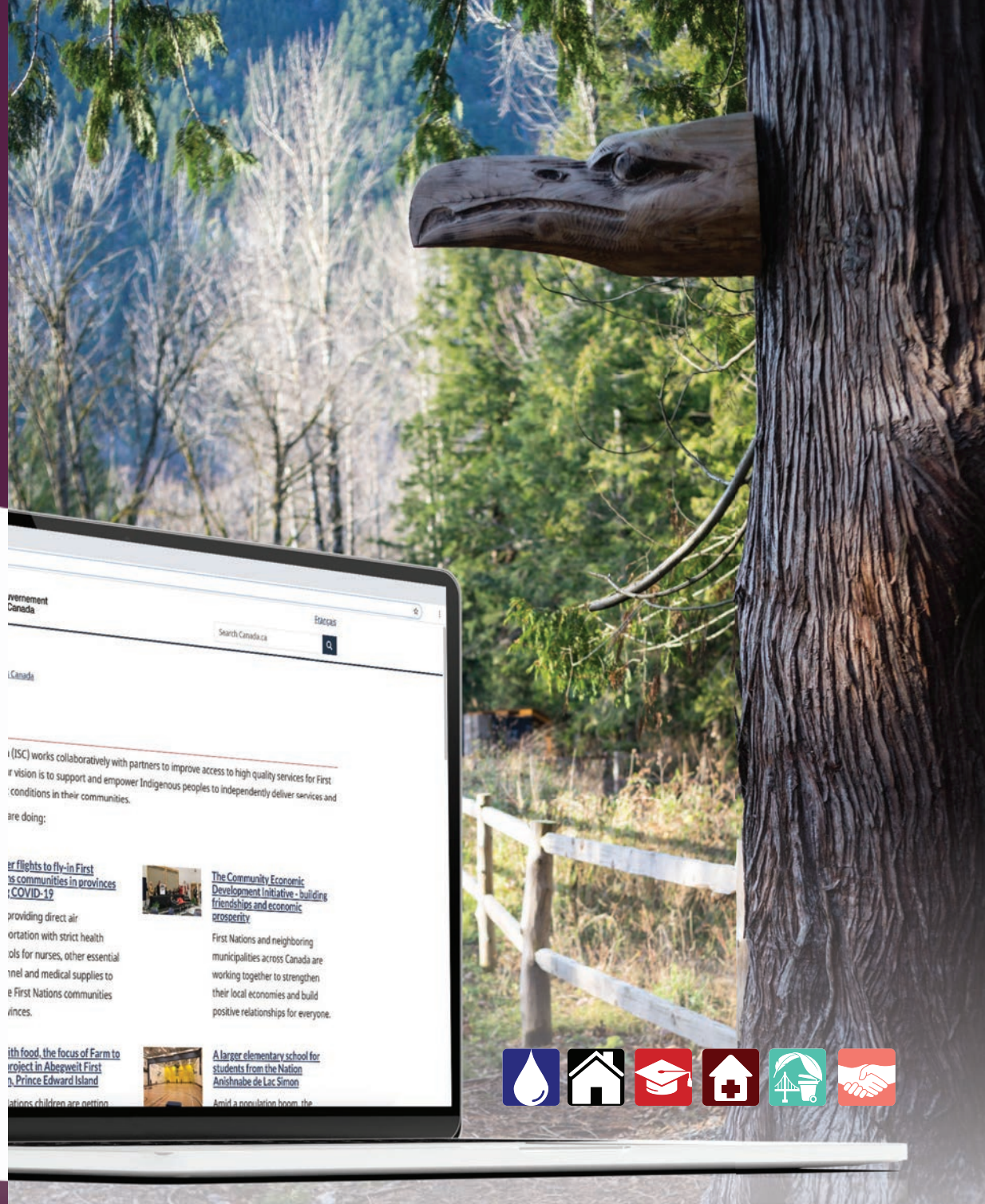
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ISC knows that more needs to be done to address the infrastructure gap in First Nations communities.

Investments in First Nations community infrastructure form part of the foundation of a long-term investment strategy to build healthy, safe and prosperous communities, and to contribute to the growth of First Nations economies by supporting job creation, skills training and business development.

ISC continues to work with Indigenous people, Canadian organisations and other government partners and together we are making progress toward improving the quality of life in First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities.



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